

Spotlight on Lee . . .

Lee County was named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee (1807-1870). The county was formed in 1902, from parts of Darlington, Kershaw, and Sumter counties. A Revolutionary War skirmish took place in 1781 at Ratcliff's Bridge, and during the Civil War, Confederate and Union troops skirmished at Mount Elon and Spring Hill in 1865. In 1880, Lee County was also the site of the last fatal duel fought in South Carolina. Cotton farming has long been associated with this area. U.S. Senator Ellison Durant Smith (1864-1944), a native of Lee County, was nicknamed "Cotton Ed" because of his support for cotton farmers.

Camden Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the east central area of the state
- Surrounded by Kershaw, Darlington, Florence, and Sumter counties
- This region has an average temperature of 62.2 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 44.8 inches.

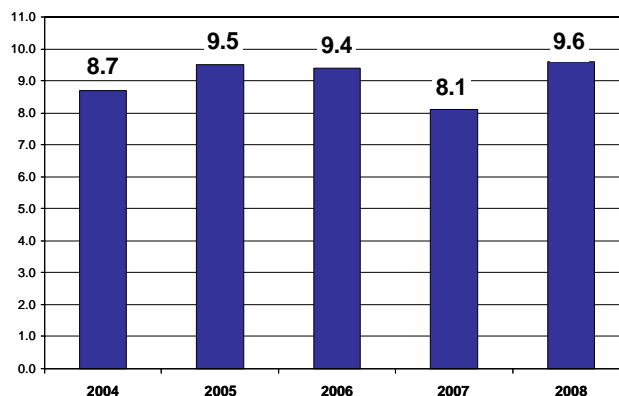
Population

- Was 20,010 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 20,720 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 37.0% White, 62.0% African-American, and 0.9% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 264 in 2000 to 607 in 2007, a 129.9% change.

Labor Force

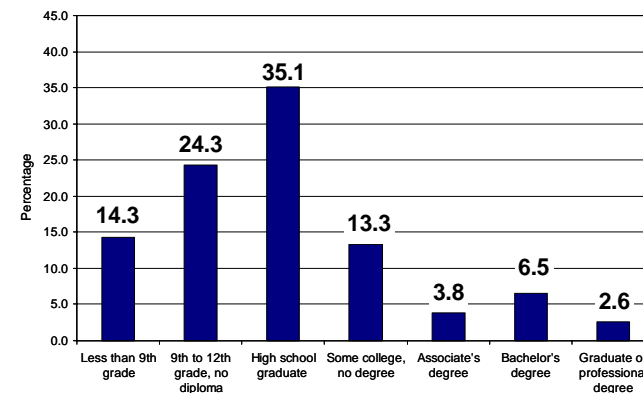
- Decreased from 8,150 in 2007 to 8,110 in 2008
- Employment fell from 7,490 in 2007 to 7,330 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 8.1% in 2007 to 9.6% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Lee County
2004 - 2008



Educational Attainment

Lee County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$22,070 for 2007.
- This was 71% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 57% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Camden Workforce Center, serving Lee and Kershaw counties, paid \$8,791,505 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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